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SPECIFICATION FOR PLIERS, DISTAL END CUTTING, WITH SAFETY HOLD, DENTAL

- 1. Scope Specifies material, dimensions and other requirements for distal end cutting pliers with safety hold used in dentistry.
- 2. Material Stainless steel conforming to Designation 30Cr13 of IS: 6603-1972 'Specification for stainless steel bars and flats' for all the parts except tips.
- 2.1 Tips Carbide tips of the range of application M10 according to IS: 2428-1964 'Application of carbides for machining, ranges of application and colour code'.
- 3. Shape and Dimensions As shown in Fig. 1 and 2.
- 3.1 Tolerances on various dimensions shall be as given below:
 - a) ± 0.05 mm on dimensions up to 2.0 mm,
 - b) ± 0.1 mm on dimensions above 2.0 mm and up to 5.0 mm,
 - c) ± 0.2 mm on dimensions above 5.0 mm and up to 20.0 mm,
 - d) ± 0.5 mm on dimensions above 20.0 mm and up to 50.0 mm,
 - e) $\pm 1^{\circ}0$ mm on dimensions above 50°0 mm and up to 100°0 mm, and
 - f) $\pm 2^{\circ}0$ mm on dimensions above 100°0 mm.

4. Workmanship and Finish

- 4.1 The two halves of the pliers shall move freely about the joint without any play and shall open fully. The jaws shall register accurately on closing the pliers.
- 4.2 The tips shall be brazed to the jaws of the pliers.
- 4.3 The surface of the pliers shall be finished smooth.
- **4.4** All the edges except the cutting edge shall be rounded. The cutting edge shall be sharp and free from any cuts, nicks and other defects.
 - 4.4.1 The cutting edge shall be so designed as to hold the cut portion of the wire after use.
- 4.5 The pliers shall be polished bright, except the outside surface of the handle, which may have matt finish, and passivated.
- 5. Heat Treatment The pliers except the carbide tips shall be uniformly hardened and tempered to a hardness of 500 to 600 HV, when tested in accordance with IS: 1501-1968 'Method for Vickers hardness test for steel (*first revision*)'.

6. Tests

- 6.1 Performance Test The pliers shall be tested by cutting an orthodontic stainless steel wire (hard-drawn, heat-treated) of diameter 0.5 mm. The wire shall be cut easily and neatly and the cut portion of the wire retained in the safety hold. The test shall be carried out 6 times at the same place on the cutting edge of the pliers. The pliers, particularly the cutting edge, shall not show any sign of damage after the test.
- **6.2** Corrosion Resistance Test As specified in IS: 7531-1975 'Method for boiling and autoclaving test for corrosion resistance of stainless steel surgical instruments'. The pliers shall not show any sign of corrosion after the test.

7. Marking and Packing

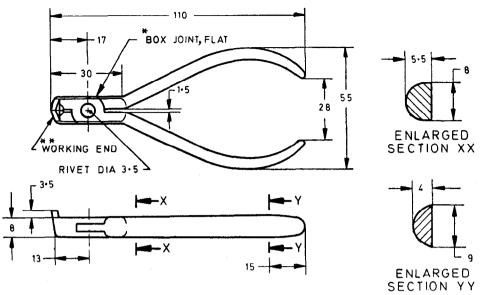
7.1 The pliers shall be legibly and indelibly marked with the manufacturer's name, initials or recognized trade-mark; the words 'stainless steel'; and the country of manufacture.

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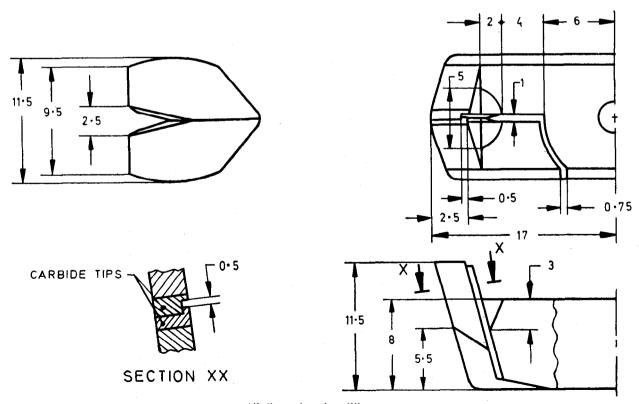


*See IS: 3642-1978 'General requirements for surgical instruments (first revision)'.

**See Fig. 2 for details.

All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 PLIERS, DISTAL END CUTTING, WITH SAFETY HOLD, DENTAL



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FIG. 2 DETAILS OF WORKING END

- 7.2 Each instrument shall be put in a polyethylene bag or wrapped in wax paper. The instruments shall then be packed as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier.
- 7.3 The packages shall be marked with the name of the instrument; the manufacturer's name, initials or recognized trade-mark; the words 'stainless steel'; and the country of manufacture.
- 7.4. ISI Certification Marking Details available with the Indian Standards Institution.
- 8. Sampling Sampling procedure and acceptance criterion for the pliers shall be as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier. A recommended scheme for the same is given in Appendix A.

APPENDIX A

(Clause 8)

SAMPLING SCHEME AND CRITERION FOR CONFORMITY FOR PLIERS, DISTAL END CUTTING, WITH SAFETY HOLD, DENTAL

- A-1. Lot In any consignment all the pliers produced from the same material under similar conditions shall constitute a lot.
- A-2. The number of pliers to be selected from each lot shall depend upon the size of the lot and shall be in accordance with Table 1.

TABLE 1 SCALE OF SAMPLING				
Lot Size	Sample Size			
Up to 15	2			
16 ,, 50	3			
51 ,, 150	5			
151 and above	8			

- A-2.1 These pliers shall be selected from the lot at random and in order to ensure randomness of selection, procedures given in IS: 4905-1968 'Methods for random sampling may be followed'.
- A-3. Number of Tests and Criterion for Conformity All the pliers selected at random in accordance with Table 1 shall be tested for shape and dimensions, workmanship and finish, hardness, performance and corrosion resistance. The lot shall be considered as conforming to these requirements if none of the pliers in the sample is found to be defective in any of these tests.